



# MINUTES

## LAW ENFORCEMENT AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE INTERIM COMMITTEE

LEGISLATURE

Wednesday, May 15, 2019 | 1:15 p.m. | 25 House Building

### Members Present:

Sen. Keith Grover, Chair  
Rep. Lee B. Perry, Chair  
Sen. Kathleen Riebe  
Sen. Daniel W. Thatcher  
Sen. Evan J. Vickers  
Rep. Kim F. Coleman  
Rep. Sandra Hollins  
Rep. Kelly B. Miles  
Rep. Val K. Potter  
Rep. Marie H. Poulson  
Rep. Angela Romero  
Rep. Jeffrey D. Stenquist

Rep. Mark A. Strong

### Members Absent:

Sen. Don L. Ipson  
Rep. John Knotwell  
Rep. Paul Ray  
Rep. Mike Schultz

### Staff Present:

Mr. John Feinauer, Policy Analyst  
Ms. Esther D. Chelsea-McCarty, Associate  
General Counsel  
Ms. Chelsea Grant, Associate General Counsel  
Ms. Tracey Fredman, Administrative Assistant

Note: A copy of related materials and an audio recording of the meeting can be found at [www.le.utah.gov](http://www.le.utah.gov).

Chair Perry called the meeting to order at 1:22 p.m.

## 1 . Committee Business

**MOTION:** Rep. Potter moved to approve the minutes of the November 14, 2018, meeting. The motion passed with a vote of 10 - 0 - 7.

### Yeas-10

Rep. K. Coleman  
Sen. K. Grover  
Rep. S. Hollins  
Rep. K. Miles  
Rep. L. Perry  
Rep. V. Potter  
Rep. M. Poulson  
Sen. K. Riebe  
Rep. J. Stenquist  
Rep. M. Strong

### Nays-0

### Absent-7

Sen. D. Ipson  
Rep. J. Knotwell  
Rep. P. Ray  
Rep. A. Romero  
Rep. M. Schultz  
Sen. D. Thatcher  
Sen. E. Vickers

John Feinauer, Policy Analyst, Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel, briefed committee members about four supplemental documents posted to the committee's website.

[1a - Constitutional Change Summary \[Office of the Attorney General\]](#)

[1b - Constitutional Change Summary Report \[Office of the Attorney General\]](#)

[1c - Utah Code Section 67-5-1\(21\) and \(22\)](#)

[1d - 2019 Statutorily Required Reports](#)

## 2 . 2019 Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice Legislation

John Feinauer highlighted selected legislation from the 2019 General Session related to law enforcement and criminal justice in the state.

## [2 - Legislation from the 2019 General Session](#)

### **3 . 2019 Interim Studies and Planning**

Chair Perry initiated a discussion of potential study items for the 2019 interim.

#### [3 - Potential Study Items](#)

**MOTION:** Rep. Miles moved to authorize the committee chairs to open one or more committee bill files related to items on the list of study items. The motion passed with a vote of 10 - 0 - 7.

##### Yeas-10

Rep. K. Coleman  
Sen. K. Grover  
Rep. K. Miles  
Rep. L. Perry  
Rep. V. Potter  
Rep. M. Poulson  
Sen. K. Riebe  
Rep. A. Romero  
Rep. J. Stenquist  
Rep. M. Strong

##### Nays-0

##### Absent-7

Rep. S. Hollins  
Sen. D. Ipson  
Rep. J. Knotwell  
Rep. P. Ray  
Rep. M. Schultz  
Sen. D. Thatcher  
Sen. E. Vickers

**MOTION:** Rep. Stenquist moved to approve the list of study items as presented. The motion passed with a vote of 10 - 0 - 7.

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Sen. K. Grover  
Rep. K. Miles  
Rep. L. Perry  
Rep. V. Potter  
Rep. M. Poulson  
Sen. K. Riebe  
Rep. A. Romero  
Rep. J. Stenquist  
Rep. M. Strong

##### Nays-0

##### Absent-7

Rep. S. Hollins  
Sen. D. Ipson  
Rep. J. Knotwell  
Rep. P. Ray  
Rep. M. Schultz  
Sen. D. Thatcher  
Sen. E. Vickers

### **4 . Asset Forfeiture**

Ms. Kim Cordova, Executive Director, Utah Commission on Criminal and Juvenile Justice, discussed issues related to civil asset forfeiture in the state.

Richard C. Ziebarth, Program Manager, Utah Commission on Criminal and Juvenile Justice, responded to committee members' questions about funding allocations for law enforcement agencies.

Chief Brian Redd, Chief Investigator, Utah Department of Public Safety, reviewed law enforcement processes for investigation of asset forfeiture cases.

Steven Wuthrich, Assistant Attorney General, Utah Office of the Attorney General, spoke to the issue and responded to questions from the committee.



Scott Carver, Director of Law Enforcement Training, Utah Office of the Attorney General, spoke in support of the study of asset forfeiture during the interim.

**MOTION:** Sen. Riebe moved that a committee bill file be opened to address asset forfeiture. The motion passed with a vote of 11 - 0 - 6.

Yeas-11

Rep. K. Coleman  
Sen. K. Grover  
Rep. S. Hollins  
Rep. K. Miles  
Rep. L. Perry  
Rep. V. Potter  
Rep. M. Poulson  
Sen. K. Riebe  
Rep. J. Stenquist  
Rep. M. Strong  
Sen. D. Thatcher

Nays-0Absent-6

Sen. D. Ipson  
Rep. J. Knotwell  
Rep. P. Ray  
Rep. A. Romero  
Rep. M. Schultz  
Sen. E. Vickers

**MOTION:** Sen. Riebe moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed with a vote of 11 - 0 - 6.

Yeas-11

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Sen. K. Grover  
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Rep. K. Miles  
Rep. L. Perry  
Rep. V. Potter  
Rep. M. Poulson  
Sen. K. Riebe  
Rep. J. Stenquist  
Rep. M. Strong  
Sen. D. Thatcher

Nays-0Absent-6

Sen. D. Ipson  
Rep. J. Knotwell  
Rep. P. Ray  
Rep. A. Romero  
Rep. M. Schultz  
Sen. E. Vickers

Chair Perry adjourned the meeting at 2:44 p.m.